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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN IMMEDIATE

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EXDIS, FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ROBINSON

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MILI, IR

SUBJECT: VISIT OF TOM JONES OF NORTHROP TO TEHRAN

1. I HAVE RECEIVED FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM TOM JONES OF
NORTHROP WHO IS ENROUTE TO TEHRAN TO DISCUSS F-18L.

BEGIN TEXT:

QUOTE DEAR CHARLES: I AM PROCEEDING WITH MY VISIT TO
TEHRAN AS WE HAVE AGREED AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH YOUR
GUIDANCE AND ASSURANCES. I WILL KEEP BOTH DEFENSE AND
STATE REPRESENTATIVES IN TEHRAN INFORMED OF MY ACTIVITIES
AND I TRUST THAT ANY INSTRUCTIONS TO THEM FROM WASHINGTON
WILL LEND POSITIVE SUPPORT TO MY VISIT AND WILL PERMIT
THE SHAH TO MAKE HIS DESIRES KNOWN TO THE US GOVERNMENT
IN THE MOST MEANINGFUL WAY. SINCERELY, TOM JONES.
UNQUOTE. END TEXT.

2. I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT TELEGRAM SERIOUSLY MIS-
REPRESENTS TELEPHONE CONVERSATION I HAD WITH HIM PRIOR TO
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HIS DEPARTURE. ESSENTIALLY I LISTENED TO HIM,MADE NO

AGREEMENT, NOR DID I OFFER ANY "GUIDANCE".

3. HIS VISIT IS CLEARLY NOT OPPORTUNE IN VIEW OF CONGRESSIONAL AND MEDIA REACTION TO F-16 SALE AND UPCOMING HEARINGS IN SENATE AND HOUSE AND I DO NOT WANT IMPRESSION LEFT WITH HIM THAT THERE IS USG AGREEMENT WITH HIM NOR THAT INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE SENT TO YOU TO "LEND POSITIVE SUPPORT." THEREFORE, PLEASE SEE THAT HE GETS FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM ME.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR TOM: YOUR TELEGRAM FROM LONDON ALERTED ME TO THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR TELEPHONE CONVERSATION MAY HAVE CAUSED SOME MISCONCEPTIONS. ALTHOUGH I EXPRESSED INTEREST IN THE INFORMATION YOU PROVIDED REGARDING EFFORTS TO MARKET PLANES IN IRAN, I DID NOT OFFER EITHER GUIDANCE OR ASSURANCES. IF THE GOVERNMENT OF IRAN INDICATES INTEREST IN YOUR PROPOSAL, WE WILL DEAL WITH IT IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR REGULAR PROCEDURES, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT ALL CONSIDERATIONS. SINCERELY,
CHARLES W. ROBINSON, END TEXT. KISSINGER

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